

## EGREMONT GREEN COMMITTEE

Meeting Minutes  
July 11, 2023

Attendees: Emily Eyre (chair) Marj Wexler, Juliette Haas and Sharon Waskow were present at Town Hall. Pat Konecky, Bonnie Greenwood and guests Mary McGurn, Stephen Lyle attended on Zoom.

Chair Emily Eyre opened the meeting at 4:32 p.m. She welcomed the group and asked for a motion to approve the June 13, 2023, minutes. The motion was made and seconded and the minutes were approved.

**Sustainability Report:** Juliette noted that there will be a solid waste event on Wednesday in Pittsfield. Marj and Juliette will attend and report back.

**Decarbonizing Home Initiative:** Juliette reported that we have two speakers, herself and Larry Chretien. The team at Green Energy Consumers Alliance will present the meeting as a webinar. People will have to register to attend the Webinar so we have to get that information out to the town. There is a QR code that could be used which could be confusing for some people. There is also an opportunity to register on the Green Committee web page. Emily will send out a reminder that will have the QR code as well as a link for registering. Mary said she would try to provide a registration link that is shortened and would have meaningful wording. Registration confirmation will appear on people's email. Sharon pointed out that it would be important for us to get a list of people who registered for the webinar.

Juliette described the room set up which will be done earlier in the day. Juliette asked that two people who form a refreshment committee purchase and set up prior to the meeting.

Emily, as chair will open the meeting and give the general info. Pat will be backup if Emily has to be out of town. We will introduce EGC committee members and Sharon will make name tags. The agenda will be set up on the screen. Q&A will be at the end.

If the event gets too crowded, an EGC member should be in the hall and not let people enter the room. We should have a form at the door for people to sign, providing email, in order to receive the recording of the webinar. This will be particularly useful for anyone who may not fit in the room and have to be turned away.

Sharon offered to set up a spread sheet for people needing the recording or wanting to continue the discussion. We can also share the recording on the website and town email lists with a link to access the recording on the Green Committee page. Mary suggested that we confirm with Kate at Green Energy Consumers Alliance that we'll be able to access and share the link to the recording and any needed password info. The recording could go up on the town website at a general location for recordings and at the Green Committee site.

Sharon asked whether we'd invite people to write questions into the chat. Juliette will confirm with Kate and ask about who would collate the questions so we can share them. She'll confirm that the person monitoring the chat would then promote the question to a panelist who could then engage with the questionnaire.

EGC members will arrive at the event at 4:45 p.m. Emily suggested that we put up a sandwich board announcing the event.

### **Other Business**

Juliette noted that the Town of Egremont Comprehensive Plan is nearing completion and looking for a Climate Action Plan to include in the plan. Stephen Lyle reported that recently several people on the committee wanted information on the climate crisis in the Plan. Lucinda seemed to be particularly concerned. Committee members would like to add climate information to the vision statement and some additional language at various points in the plan. Pat will work with Stephen on this. Mary noted that there will be two more meetings of the Comp Plan Advisory Committee - on the 17th and the 24th of this month. They are listed on the town website. She also noted that several Advisory Committee members have also submitted climate related comments.

**Next meeting**, which will include discussion about the July 19 event, will be on July 26th, with the 25th as a backup.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:42 p.m.  
Minutes submitted by Pat Konecky